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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Response.

This responds to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 9, 2004, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby elects, with right of traverse, Species 2: Figures 2 and 7. Applicant further selects the platform embodiment denoted by the letter J on the enclosed Figure 28. Applicant states that claims 1-4, 7-9 and 11-20 read on Species 2 and platform embodiment J. Applicant believes that claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 11-13 are generic to Species 1-11.